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Subject Re: Conference Call with R7 to discuss the future of ozone monitoring at Konza Prairie - Kansas 3PM, Jan 4 2013

absolutely!

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Gary,

All that sounds very reasonable. I'll join the call next Friday.
Yep, Robert Nichols is setting up the agenda and running the
call. Would you be interested in joining the call?

Tim

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Tim, I don't think it's necessary to wait until Rick returns to have the call because, unfortunately, Konza Prairie is a LTER site on KSU land and once they figure that out (if they haven't already) they could easily decide unilaterally just to shut the site down completely -- and we would have little or no recourse.

So, I think the content of the call is going to be more logistical and technical and less policy. Josh Tapp has seemed very reasonable on the phone, and I think he will continue to be polite and reasonable.

For message,

In preparation for the call, I think we should try to work through some alternatives with OAQPS, to see what's possible.

I assume that Robert Nichols is organizing the call, setting the agenda and running the call?

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I spoke with Robert Nichols just now and he would like to set up a call with his top management, Josh Tapp, the Chief of the Air Planning and Development Branch in Region 7; additional Region 7 staff; in addition to Tom Gross (Kansas Dept of Health and Environment) and me. The purpose of the call is to discuss the future of ozone monitoring at the Konza Prairie CASTNET (KNZ184) site. Given that Region 7 is requesting Branch Chief level folks onto the call, Melissa suggested that Rick be on this call as well. Rick will be out of the office so we'd need to reschedule, but I think it's a good idea if Rick is interested.

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[REDACTED] Melissa suggested it might be good to get Lew on the call to point out this example, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Should we ask Rick to be on this call? He'll be out of the office until Jan 14.

Are there others we should invite?

Is the message we wish to convey about CASTNET/ozone monitoring (above) correct or should it be tweaked?

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The message we wish to convey is that CASTNET is a long-term monitoring program and moving a site or shutting it down to satisfy the State of Kansas's air monitoring doesn't appeal to us - or something along these lines.

On a call yesterday, Lew Weinstein deferred to me and said Region 7 is acting similarly to ozone regulations as they did to other air monitoring standards that OAPB put out. I think it was FMS 5, but I'm not sure. Melissa suggested it might be good to get Lew on the call to point out this example, highlighting that Region 7 is either unaware or for some reason doesn't pay attention to air regulations that affect their region, and thus the states within their region.

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